

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the subtitle beginning on page 1, after the first paragraph with the following amended subtitle:

Relevant Prior Art

Please replace the fifth paragraph beginning on page 2, after the subtitle with the following amended paragraph:

~~The applicant put her research~~ Research efforts ~~into~~ were thus directed to the development of an improved process for the production of very high quality lubricating oils.

Please replace the first complete paragraph beginning on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

In particular and contrary to the usual process schemes or obtained from the prior art, this process is not limited in the quality of oil products that it may obtain; in particular, a judicious selection of operating conditions makes it possible to obtain white medicinal grade oils (i.e., of excellent quality). More specifically, the invention relates to a process for the production of high quality oils and optionally high quality middle distillates from a hydrocarbon feedstock including at least 20% of end volume above 340°C, a process that ~~succcessively~~ comprises the following successive stages:

Please add the following new subtitle beginning on page 25 before the second paragraph:

Brief Description of Figures

Please replace the second paragraph beginning on page 25 with the following amended paragraph:

The process is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, whereby Figure 1 shows the treatment of the entire liquid fraction of hydrodewaxing and Figure 2 that of a hydrocracking residue. Fig. 3 illustrates an embodiment employing an additional hydrocracking stage. Fig. 4 illustrates an embodiment including a solvent extraction stage for removing a portion of aromatics.